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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and
Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42, AST Telecom, LLC
Notice of Forbearance from Lifeline BIAS requirements*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

AST Telecom, LLC d/b/a Blue Sky Communications or Bluesky ("Bluesky") notifies the Commission of its intent to elect forbearance relief from the Lifeline broadband internet access service ("BIAS") requirements, pursuant to the Commission's 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order.¹

Bluesky received designation as a high-cost eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") on May 23, 2006 under TRC Order No. 01-2006 from the Governor of American Samoa, acting as the Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner. Bluesky only receives Competitive ETC Frozen Support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.307, and is therefore not obligated to provide Lifeline-supported BIAS in its designated service areas.²

¹ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962, 3972, paras. 30-32 (2016) ("Lifeline Modernization Order").

² *Id.* at paras. 35, 311-312, & n.77, 803.



Accordingly, Bluesky accepts the Commission's forbearance relief from any requirement to offer Lifeline discounts on BIAS in all of the Census blocks within its ETC service areas. Bluesky attaches a list of the Census blocks within its ETC service areas where Bluesky is availing itself of forbearance relief to the best of its knowledge. Bluesky emphasizes that it elects blanket forbearance throughout its ETC service area, and will promptly file a supplement with corrections if errors are identified.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at fvaai@blueskypacificgroup.com or +1 684-699-2759.

Respectfully submitted,

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